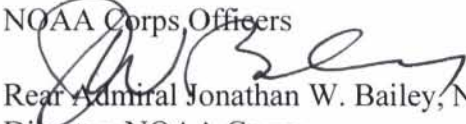




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MEMORANDUM FOR: NOAA Corps Officers

FROM:  Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA  
Director, NOAA Corps

SUBJECT: NOAA Corps Officer Augmentation Policy

OMAO continues to staff all sea going billets with qualified officers, however, some may have less experience than in the past. This is a result of the NOAA Corps drawdown in the late 1990s. Therefore, I am implementing a new augmentation policy that will help alleviate this situation. This policy will allow OMAO to staff the platforms properly, and provide relief for officers assigned to NOAA's ships.

Officers recently assigned to shore duty are expected to augment at sea for up to 30 days per year. This policy applies to all officers during their first two years on shore. In addition, it will provide a means for officers to maintain their deck qualifications. The policy will be included in the officer's forthcoming assignment letter, and it is the officer's responsibility to work with his/her supervisor to schedule the augmentation with minimal disruption to the program. CPC will also contact those officers qualified within the programs to fill needed relief positions.

Should you have any questions about this policy, please contact Lieutenant Commander John T. Caskey, Chief, Officer Career Management Division at 301-713-7748.

